



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/053,053	01/16/2002	Lee L. Swanson	3395-US	2780
21378 7590 03/03/2008 APPLIED MEDICAL RESOURCES CORPORATION 22872 Avenida Empresa Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688				
EXAMINER NEAL, TIMOTHY J				
ART UNIT		PAPER NUMBER		
3731				
MAIL DATE		DELIVERY MODE		
03/03/2008		PAPER		

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

Interview Summary

Application No.

10/053,053

Applicant(s)

SWANSTROM, LEE L.

Examiner

Timothy J. Neal

Art Unit

3731

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Timothy J. Neal.(3) Cynthia Bonner.(2) Jackie Ho.(4) Gary Johnson.

Date of Interview: 26 February 2008.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal (copy given to: 1) ☒ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative)

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☒ Yes e) ☐ No.

If Yes, brief description: PowerPoint presentation describing device.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Lenker US 6,350,278.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The Examiner and the Applicant discussed the Lenker reference and differences between the current application and the applied prior art. Some differences included the function of the cap and the nature of the struts. No exact amendments were agreed upon, but suggestions were made.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

/Timothy J Neal/
Examiner, Art Unit 3731

Examiner's signature, if required

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an
Attachment to a signed Office action.